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RESOLUTION FOR ROWAN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 153A-233, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners currently contracts with volunteer fire departments to provide fire protection services, and;

WHEREAS, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners as the Governing Body of Rowan County is granted the statutory authority to levy and collect a special tax for the purpose of providing fire protection for the citizens of Rowan County; and

WHEREAS, the taxes collected for fire protection purposes are placed in a special fund administered by the Rowan County Board of Commissioners; and

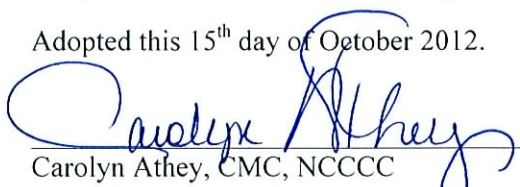
WHEREAS, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 69-25.7, the Board of Commissioners appoints the Fire Commissioners for the volunteer fire departments to oversee the general budgeting and spending of money for each department and said Fire Commissioners serve at the discretion of and under the supervision of the Board of Commissioners.

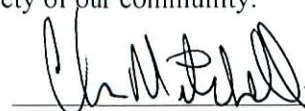
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this Resolution, do hereby direct the following for each volunteer fire department in Rowan County:

1. A public hearing must be held in the respective district if there is a proposed fire tax increase for any fiscal budget year. The fire departments should advertise the public hearings throughout their districts by use of flyers and bulletin boards. A written notice of the public hearing shall be submitted to the Clerk to the Board for notification to the Board of Commissioners at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. The Clerk shall also place notification of the public hearing on the County's Website.
2. Purchases of equipment, etc., totaling \$20,000 or greater will be listed in the volunteer fire department's proposed budget. This requirement does not apply to emergency or unexpected maintenance repairs.
3. The Board of Commissioners shall be notified, prior to purchase, of any major capital purchases of \$20,000 or greater which were not included in the department's current year budget. This requirement applies regardless of the source of the funds to be used for the purchase.
4. Requests from fire departments for letters of approval to financial institutions will only be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for planned purchases approved during the budget process.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution also represents the Board of Commissioners support, appreciation and gratitude to the firefighters in Rowan County for their dedication, contributions and personal sacrifices in preserving the health, welfare and safety of our community.

Adopted this 15th day of October 2012.


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